GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENTAL TRIBUNAL BILL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Green Tribunal (NGT) by revitalizing the old Environmental Tribunal Bill;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the time by which the said bill is likely to be revitalized;

(d) the extent to which it is likely to help to reduce the load on the civil courts and speedy disposal of cases; and

(e) the details of the composition of proposed tribunal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAI RAM RAMESH)
(a) to (c) A draft Environment Tribunal Bill was circulated to various Ministries for their comments in the year 2006. Subsequently,certain modifications have been incorporated in the said draft bill and now it is proposed to set up a National Green Tribunal (NGT). A draft NGT Bill has now been circulated to various Ministries,afresh,for their comments. It is not possible to allocate a specific timeline for the passage of the said Bill in the Parliament.

(d) The NGT intends to reduce the load of environment cases, of civil nature, pending in other courts and to help in speedy disposal of such cases. However,it is difficult to quantify the extent.

(e) The composition of the proposed tribunal is being finalized in the draft bill.